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Design for a Quench Gasifier §

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Date: April 19, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel all pending claims, namely claims 1-9, and replace them with the following claims:

- 10. A quench gasifier for gasifying ash-containing hydrocarbon feedstocks, comprising:
- a combustion chamber for partially oxidizing the carbon in said feedstock to produce synthesis gases; and
 - a quench chamber adjacent said combustion chamber, said combustion chamber including a throat for directing said gases from the combustion chamber to the quench chamber, characterized in that said throat includes:
 - an inlet;
 - an outlet;
 - an inner surface between said inlet and said outlet, said face comprising a refractory material that can withstand temperatures of up to about 3500°F; and
 - an electrical heating element behind said face for heating said face to a temperature up to about 3500°F, such that components of said ash having

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